

TENTH CONVENTION

The tenth anniversary convention convened August 18-20, 1924, at Chicago, Ill., where ten years ago the A. L. R. C. Women's Alliance had experienced its first breath of life. Delegates attending — 44. Total membership — 2,090. Assets — \$21,799.46.

On the anniversary occasion, the convention received many messages of congratulation plus gifts amounting to \$236.00.

Delegates Mrs. A. Nausėda, Miss M. Gurinskas and Mrs. F. (Macijauskas) Satas, who had been at the founding convention, were delegates to the first convention, and had worked diligently for the organization, were tendered a standing ovation.

Mrs. A. Nausėda, one of the first organizers, first treasurer on the Supreme Board, editor of "Moterų Dirva" for four years, and for many years A.L.R.C. Women's Alliance's delegate to "Tautos Taryba", has accomplished many outstanding feats in the name of the Women's Alliance.

Mrs. A. Nausėda was instrumental in forming the first Chapter in St. George's Parish, Chicago, Ill., in December of 1914. With Rev. F. Kemešis' encouragement, Mrs. Nausėda went into surrounding Lithuanian parishes to spread the word of the newly formed Women's Alliance and to organize new chapters. Needless to say, it was not an easy task and at times very disheartening, but being an adept speaker and renowned writer, she persisted in her endeavors and successfully organized nine chapters.

It was voted to establish a supplementary teen-age section in the Alliance.

The preceeding year's membership drive prizes were awarded to Mrs. A. Stepulionis of Cleveland, Ohio, Mrs. S. Subatas of Brooklyn, New York, and A. Stašaitis of Cicero, Ill.

Rev. M. Urbonas promised \$75.00 to cover the cost of various prizes to be given for establishment of new chapters — signing up of new members — and the best article in "Moterų Dirva".

For his noble work in the interest of the Women's Alliance, Rev. M. Urbonas was presented with \$100.00 in gold and a floral bouquet, during the anniversary convention banquet.

Supreme officers: Spiritual Director — Rev. M. Urbonas; pres. — Mrs. V. Valantiejus; vice-pres. — Mrs. A. Dobrovolskis; secr. — Mrs. M. Vaičiūnas; treas. — Miss M. Gurinskas; trustees — Miss J. Gedminas and Mrs. B. Bitautas.

Delegate to Federation Council: Mrs. Sophie Sakalas.

Directors: Ill. — Mrs. A. Nausėda; Mass., and Maine — Miss M. Sakalauskas; Mich. — Mrs. M. Širvaitis; N.Y. and N.J. — Mrs. S. Subatas; Ohio — Mrs. M. Jankauskas; Pa. — Mrs. M. Žukas.

ELEVENTH CONVENTION

This convention was held at Hartford, Conn., August 17-19, 1925. Delegates — 42. Total membership — 2,417. Assets — \$25,210.61.

Regarding the loan to the Sisters of St. Casimir, it was voted to donate one year's interest due on the loan, thus the Women's Alliance would be enrolled as a perpetual member of the Congregation.

The Women's Alliance hymn was published with lyrics by Rev. K. Urbonavičius (Jonas Kmitas) and music by Composer A. Aleksis.

Supreme officers: Spiritual Director — Msgr. J. Ambotas (now deceased); pres. — Mrs. M. Zokas; 1st vice-pres. — Mrs. P. Stoskus; 2nd vice-pres. Mrs. M. Zailskis; secr. — Mrs. M. Vaičiūnas; treas. — Miss M. Gurinskas; trustees — Miss M. Jokubaitis and Miss M. Blazauskas.

Directors: N.Y. and N.J. — Mrs. S. Subatas; Mass., Maine and New Hampshire — Mrs. T. Mazeika; Ill. — Mrs. S. Sakalas; Pa. — Mrs. M. Varnagiris; Ohio — Mrs. M. Čižauskas; Conn. — Miss M. Jokubaitis.

Delegates to Federation Council: Mrs. S. Sakalas, Mrs. A. Dobrovolskis.

Editor: Mrs. Sophia Sakalas.

TWELFTH CONVENTION

In 1926, the convention was held in Philadelphia, Pa., August 23-25. Delegates — 37.

Since the city was celebrating its sesqui-centennial, it was voted to take part in the parade with a float.

A resolution was adopted whereby \$200.00 would be sent to Lithuania so that a delegate of the Lith. Cath. Women's Org., could come to the U. S. to raise some money to help establish a youth organization in Lithuania.

Membership totaled 2,288. Assets — \$29,576.33.

Supreme officers: Spiritual Director — Msgr. J. Ambotas; pres. — Mrs. S. Subatas; vice-pres. — Mrs. L. Račkauskas; secr. — Mrs. M. Vaičiūnas; treas. — Miss M. Gurinskas; trustees — Miss. J. Gedminas and Miss A. Gudauskas.

Directors: Conn. — Miss M. Jokubaitis; N.Y. and N.J. — Mrs. A. Dobrovolskis; Ohio — Mrs. M. Čižauskas; Pa. — Miss M. Varnagiris; Ill. — Miss P. Kelpšas; Mich. — Mrs. E. Paurazas; Mass. — Mrs. M. Daugelis.

Youth organizer: Miss M. Jokubaitis.

Delegates to Federation Council: Mrs. S. Sakalas and Mrs. A. Dobrovolskis.

THIRTEENTH CONVENTION

The 1927 convention convened at Detroit, Mich., August 15-17. It was voted to hold national conventions every two years and, in the event some important matter developed, the convention could be called in one year from the time of the last assembly.

A gift of \$500.00 was designated for the Karmelavos Girls School of Economics.

Regarding the loan to the Sisters of St. Casimir, it was voted to extend it for five more years, without interest.

Assets of the organization — \$33,085.26.